

## Pupil Allocation 2005/06

	Catawba	Hickory	Newton-Conover	Total
<b>Per Pupil:</b>				
Average Attendance	17,262	4,384	2,825	24,471
2005/06 County Base	\$1,103.00	\$1,103.00	\$1,103.00	\$1,103.00
Joint School Programs	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
2% Teacher Supplement	46.00	46.00	46.00	46.00
Fines & Forfeitures	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00
School Fund Balance	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,254.00</b>	<b>\$1,254.00</b>	<b>\$1,254.00</b>	<b>\$1,254.00</b>
<b>System Total:</b>				
2005/06 County Base	\$19,039,986	\$4,835,552	\$3,115,975	\$26,991,513
Joint School Programs	776,790	197,280	127,125	1,101,195
2% Teacher Supplement	794,052	201,664	129,950	1,125,666
Fines & Forfeitures	914,886	232,352	149,725	1,296,963
School Fund Balance	120,834	30,688	19,775	171,297
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,646,548</b>	<b>\$5,497,536</b>	<b>\$3,542,550</b>	<b>\$30,686,634</b>

### Significant Changes:

Current expense funding pays for the operating needs of the schools including both instructional programs and support services. North Carolina General Statutes allow the Board of Commissioners to allocate current expense funding in a variety of ways. Catawba County has always provided a lump sum amount per pupil and left the decision on where to spend with the school systems. The School Budget and Fiscal Control Act requires the County to fund each school system the same amount per pupil based on average daily membership (ADM) figures certified by the State and based on the highest attendance figures of the first two out of three months of the school year. The per pupil funding amount is made up of three components: County base allocation, fines and forfeitures, and school fund balance. The total per pupil funding for Fiscal Year 2005/06 totals \$1,254 and includes County base (\$1,194), fines and forfeitures, (\$53), and school fund balance (\$7). Fines and forfeitures are legal penalties collected by the Clerk of Court's Office. General Statutes require that all funds collected must be given to the public school systems in the County.

The base budget for each school system includes funds for jointly operated school programs, \$45 per pupil. The programs include Conover School for exceptional children, the ACT Program, Community Schools, Catawba Valley High School, and the school bus garage. Since the funding for these special programs is combined in the base allocation, the three superintendents have worked out a method to reimburse each other for these inter-system program costs.

In addition the base budget for each school includes \$46 per pupil to fund an additional 2% teacher supplement for approximately 70% of the staff, based on either individual or school performance. The decision on how to base the supplement award will be up to each board of education. Additional teacher supplements was the school boards' number one funding priority that came from the FORESIGHT committee recommendations targeting improvement in education.